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REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in conjunction with a Response to Restriction Requirement. Applicants having elected the claims of Group II (claims 16-21) for prosecution at the present time now amend claim 1 (and, thereby, the claims dependent thereon, from Group I) to be dependent on claim 16.

Thus, Applicants submit that claims 1-21, and 30-32 are properly within one Restriction Group and can be prosecuted at the same time.

The Applicant submits that all claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance and such action is requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter which would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF CLAIM AMENDMENT

1. TheA liquid composition of claim 16, further comprising
~~a colloidal suspension of a biomolecule binding matrix~~
~~material dispersed in a liquid, wherein particles of said matrix~~
~~material in said colloidal suspension are of a defined particle~~
~~size; and~~

replicate copies of a biomolecule, wherein said biomolecules are distributed throughout said colloidal suspension and are bound to said matrix material particles.